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AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Steven F. Bierman
App. No : 10/677,757
Filed : October 1, 2003
For : DEVICE FOR SECURING ARROW
MAC CATHETER
Examiner : Bhisma Mehta
Art Unit : 3767

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November 1, 2006
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment in 13 pages.
- (X) Replacement Sheets in 3 pages

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The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

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| Excess Claims | 16 - 20 = 0 | 2202 (\$25) | 0 x 25 = | \$0 |
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| | | | TOTAL FEE DUE | \$325 |

- (X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.
- (X) A check in the amount of \$325 is enclosed.
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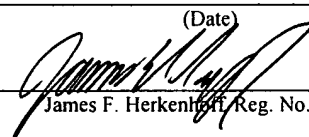
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. Changes to the pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough to indicate deletions. Applicant is also submitting corrected drawings for Figures 4 and 6D, and is adding new Figure 7 with the amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper. A "Replacement Sheet" for each sheet of drawings being amended can be found in the Appendix.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks start on page 10 of this paper.

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